



# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
September 24, 2023**

Administrator: Reverend Father Cyrain Cabueñas  
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Apostolic Administrator of Diocese of Burlington:  
Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne

## **Mass Schedule**

**Weekend:** Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

**Weekday:** Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

**Adoration:** Tuesday 9:30-10:30

**Holy Days:** As announced in the Bulletin

**Baptisms & Reconciliation:** By arrangement

**Marriage:** Couples please contact the parish six months in advance

## **Parish Contact**

Office: 802- 674-2157

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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New Parishioners are welcome and are urged to register with the Parish Office

**Altar Server Coordinator:** Ronald Hamel Jr.

**Parish Finance Coordinator:** Gerry Grimo

**Parish Secretary:** Shannon Harrington

**Finance Council:** Frederick Lord (Co Chair) (802)356-6496; Tom DiNetta (Co Chair)  
(302)332-1251; Ginny Fox (802)436-2831; Paul Belaski (802) 674-2713

**Parish Council:** Joyce Corbin (Chair) (802)484-3329; Barbara Barbour (802)299-7117;  
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## **A message from Father Cyrain.....**

Today's gospel challenges our sense of justice. It's startling conclusion, "the last will be first, and the first will be last," does not sit well with our understanding of achievement and success. If Jesus were telling this parable today, there would most likely be demonstrations in the streets, the phones would ring off the hooks to and from every union hall in the country, and workers would be carrying picket signs outside Jesus' hotel.

This parable however, is not intended to give moral guidance on labor management negotiations or any justification for unbridled capitalism. Its main thrust is to show the generosity of God in throwing open the doors of the kingdom of heaven to Gentiles and sinners on equal footing with the Jews.

This gospel fills us with an inspiring image of a gracious and forgiving God whose love for us has no bounds and whose mercy extends both to those who have labored all their lives in his service and to those who have broken faith but turn to him in the eleventh hour.

Before the Almighty, we all stand beggars and can never boast that we have earned our salvation. Everything we have is a free gift of his love and mercy. We cannot explain his generosity, but one thing is certain - God's ways are not our ways!

## **Eucharistic Revival**

We become the Lord's tabernacles, carrying the Lord with us; to the point that he himself tells us: if we do not eat his body and drink his blood, we will not enter the kingdom of heaven. (Pope Francis Homily – April 9, 2020)

## **Happy Birthday, Father Paul**

Our long-time, former Pastor, Fr. Paul Belhumeur, will be celebrating his 90th birthday on October 7th. Please keep him in your prayers and if anyone would like to send him birthday wishes his mailing address is: Rev. Paul Belhumeur, M.S., 85 New Park Avenue, Hartford, CT 0610

**Parish Home Visits:** Father may be requested to visit a parishioner at home, or current place of residency on the First Friday of each month. Please call the Parish Secretary to set up a time.

## **Prayer Requests- Please remember in your prayers:**

Len Zabilansky, Laurie Curtis, Kevin Curtis, the Longacre family, Griffin Thompson, The Thompson family, Jill Lord, Lisa Moeller, Amy Moeller, Cade Bagley, Logan Young, Elaine Marcegiani, Christine Rose, Martha Sass, Cindy DiNetta, Helen Michalowicz, Pat Lucarelli, Claire Harlow, Christiane Zue, Scott McCandless, Amy Chesser.

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**

George Veilleux, Theresa Morin, Dale West, Elinor Garcia, Ella Perry, Bill Dillon, Peter Toepfer, Ludwig Markert, Robert Leneau, Linda Parker, Loretta Gould, Lucio Cabueñas, Will Moeller, Cynthia Howe, Earl White Sr. Norman Piper, Mary Ann Notaro, Donna O'Neill, Jane Lynch, Anthony Rocchio, Bill Moeller, Ray Nedderman, Father Charles Davignon, Gina Kicinski, Anna Mary Noble, William Moore, Anne Hutchins, John Barth, Raymond Scott, Paul Wynn, Mark Curtis, Margaret Blake, Theresa Marie Fenton.

### Mass Intentions:

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for a special occasion, please contact the parish office by email, telephone, or drop a note in the collection basket. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and who is requesting the Mass. Let us know if you want a specific day. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Please include your contact information. The customary offering is \$10. Thank you

**Offerings** (Offerings report for FY 2023)

--Weekly Offertory for September 16-17 **\$1,972.00**

Includes: On line giving **\$265.00**; Mass Stipends **\$20.00**; Coffee Hour **\$0.00(parish picnic)**

Second Collection for Catholic University of America \$6.00

--Weekly Offertory for September 9-10    **\$3,803.00**

Includes: On line giving **\$365.00**; Mass Stipends **\$0.00**; Coffee Hour **\$53.00**

Second Collection for Catholic University of America **\$57.00**

--Coffee hour misc. envelopes (10/12/21-12/31/2022) **\$594.03\***(included below)

**Totals to Date (7/1/23-9/17/23):**

<u>Sat &amp; Sunday Offertory</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Stipends</u>	<u>On line giving</u>	<u>Overall giving</u>
<b>\$20,039.25</b>	<b>* \$1,074.28</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>	<b>\$4,147.00</b>	<b>25,908.53</b>

**Thank you for your prayerful generosity** Please consider on-line giving. Contact Parish office for detail  
A **6/30/24 Year ending budget** will be provided by the Finance Council in the near future.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 09/23/2023 6:00 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Ida Norman by her children

**Sunday 09/24/2023 10:30 a.m.**

For the health and well-being of Len Zabilansky by Agnes Grimo

**Tuesday 09/26/2023 11:00 a.m.**

In Thanksgiving to St. Anne de Beupre, by Nancy Sillman

**Thursday 09/28/2023 9:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Bill Moeller by the Moeller family

**Saturday 09/30/2023**

For the parishioners and benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**Sunday 10/01/2023**

For the repose of the soul of David DeSchamp by Kathy DeSchamp & family

## Mass Attendance

August 12-13	76	August 15 <sup>th</sup> (Holy Day)	26
August 19-20	94	August 26-27	97
Sept 2-3	98	Sept 9-10	86
Sept 16-17	111	Sept 23-24	

**Parish Monthly Meetings/Events:**

## Parish Finance Council

September: 26th

## Knights of Columbus

October : TBD

**Thank you's 🙏 and Bless you**

A **heart felt thank you** is sent to all the parishioners (**you know who you are**) whom continue to give countless hours to keep our church operating and flowing. We are blessed to have you. A very special thank you to **Dick and Barbara Fenton** for their rewiring and installing many new LED fixture updates in our Church.

## Parish Picnic

**A big Thank You to the Knights of Columbus** for setting up and preparing the BBQ. Well done!!

The picnic was well attended, plenty of delicious food and wonderful fellowship. Pictures are being collected and will be posted on our web site soon.

## October, is the month of the Rosary

Since the first Sunday of October has long been celebrated as “Rosary Sunday,” this year it will fall on October 1, ordinarily the feast of Saint Therese of Lisieux. While the Rosary is traditionally associated with St. Dominic and the Dominican Order, we can also look to the Little Flower for inspiration, especially if we find that our mind tends to wander while praying our beads. Even Saint Therese admitted that she found it difficult to keep her attention on the mysteries. Read more about Saint Therese and the Rosary in the next weeks. Please plan to join Parish Council members in praying the Rosary each Sunday morning in October at 10:00 a.m. Weather permitting we will gather in the courtyard before Our Lady of LaSalette

## **Diocesan Announcements:**

Archbishop Coyne will celebrate his **final Mass** at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, ***September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.*** A public reception will follow from 12:00-3:00 at the Doubletree Hotel, 870 Willison Road, South Burlington, VT All are welcome to attend.

**From the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington--2023 Prof. Development Day**

This is our Annual Professional Development Day for Parish Administrative Assistants and Bookkeepers. Please coordinate with your Pastor to attend one of these mandatory training sessions. The event will start at 9:30AM and end at 2:00PM. Lunch will be provided. This year's program will feature a special presentation **by Msgr. McDermott** on Dealing with Conflict, in addition to updates from Diocesan leaders, and an opportunity to be with colleagues from parishes throughout the state.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER:** Msgr. John J. McDermott is the Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia, Chancellor, and until a new bishop is appointed, the Administrator of the Diocese of Burlington. He has served at parishes in Montpelier, Burlington, Middlebury, Underhill, Cambridge, and is currently the Director of the Catholic Center at UVM. After a year at the US Coast Guard Academy, he went on to graduate with a double major in Political Science and Philosophy. He then went on to Seminary at Mount St. Mary's and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Burlington in 1989. He earned a degree in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America in 2004. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, baking, running, golfing, and working on household projects. Msgr. McDermott is the 7th of 10 children. Between having 9 siblings and serving the Diocesan Church and parishes for the last 34 years, he has had a few experiences of conflict; and is looking forward to sharing the lessons learned with us.